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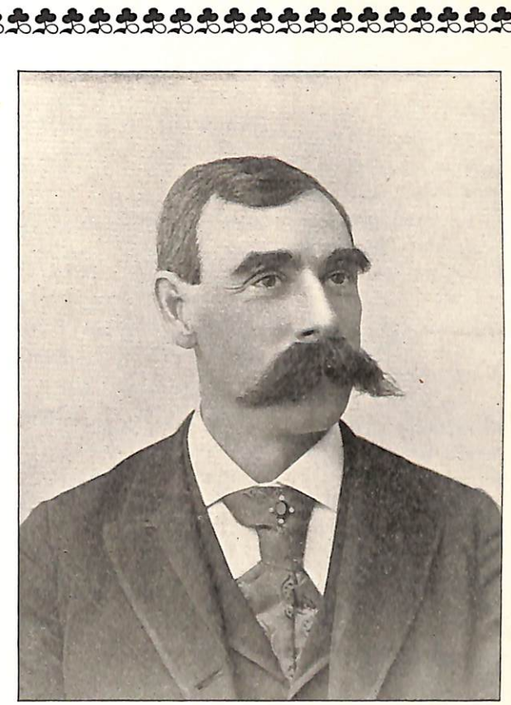

E. OLIN SOULE.

We present our readers with the most profusely illustrated number we have yet put out; and as a fitting leader to the long line of good things we give the portrait of one of Iowa's most prominent Masons —E. OLIN SOULE—Past Grand Commander K. T., and in charge of the Triennial business of the B., C. R. & N. He is a congenial, whole souled friend and a man who makes no haste to form acquaintances, and does not break them hurriedly when once made. Whoever goes to Pittsburg will see the John A. Logan of our party in the front row—Olin Soule is all right.

FRIENDSHIP.

"Next to a match that won't light is a friend who won't stand up for you in an emergency." How true. If there is anything disappointing, anything that may cause disaster, to words and conscience, it is a match that won't light. You are in sore need of light; it may be a burglar has invaded your privacy, and is busy with his burglarious intentions. He may work on with perfect unconcern, if the match don't light. You have a friend who says in sunshiny days, "I'll stand by you through thick and thin," but when the test comes and you need some one to lean upon, you find your friend is a "match that won't light," and you are disappointed, not only in the person in whom you place confidence, but in the professions of friendship which were made. Oh, how many matches there are in this world that won't light! And how many friends there are who are ready to praise when praise is not needed, but are scared and fly away when the cat of disaster appears. Oh. for tried friends, who, knowing what friendship is, will stand by you in evil report as well as good; who do not condemn without a hearing; who will measure your worth by your actions, and not refuse sympathy when you need it, or when you are destitute.—B. F. Duncan.

Never were truer words spoken. Read the above over and over again, my brother, and let the true manhood within you say, Amen. If you profess friendship for a brother, then come unto him when all the world has gone out. Be not deterred by anything done or said against him, but espouse his cause and give the world to know that you are a friend.—B. F. Price.

Those, more than all others, who have felt the "iron enter the soul" can appreciate the truth as it appears inwardly, on the above subject. We commend it to all the Brotherhood.—Editor.

LODGE SOCIALS.

The popularity of the lodge social is coming to the front as a factor. By this means men of different societies are brought together in mutual introduction, recreation and pleasure. On this occasion the wife and daughter see inside of the lodge room, where men meet in secret to encourage and build up in the sole interest of the wife. Many good women impugn the motives of a good, faithful lodge man. If he has the interest of his lodge at heart he will attend regularly and take an active part. The cardinal principle of all secret societies is to make men better and better. Many men successful in the various pursuits of life, owe their success, in many instances, to the fostering care of their society.—*Secret Society Herald*

Let us remember that one kind word spoken to a brother in life is worth more than countless garlands placed upon his grave after death. If any of you know of a brother in distress or destitute, go to him, take him by the hand and speak words of comfort and consolation to him; aid him with your purse, if possible, for by so doing you will be carrying out the lesson taught in Masonry and obeying the will of Him who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."—*Grand Master Farnham, Maine.*

Masons love Masonry for what it has been and what it is, for the good it has done and is doing. The future is to be judged by past historical events. The future of Masonry is as assured for grandeur and good as its past is actual.—*Freemason.*

Says the candidate after the first section in the third degree, and while occupying an official position, addressing a brother who was to be J——m, "I don't exactly catch on." "Oh, that's all right; you'll soon take a tumble."—*Texas Freemason.*

IOWA NEEDS IT.

In Maryland a Worsipful Master-elect must pass a satisfactory examination in Masonic jurisprudence before he can be installed. If this was a general law and was rigidly enforced a great many Masters would be their own successors for many years. The average Mason knows very little law or jnrisprudence either, and all this is because they don't read.—*Sprig of Acacia.*

Archbishop Lopez of Sonoma, Mexico, has excommunicated all Freemasons in his See, "Let there be light."

The "Masonic Chronicle" of Columbus, Ohio, late of the M. C. Lilly Co., is now edited and published by Bro. C. A. Poland.

SOME OBSERVATIONS.

I've liv'd 53 year; I hev observed sum; takin 3 staits regerlarly, and 10 more partially or irregerlarly; my seeins hez bin sich as tu kall fur the follerin remarks:

Fust, The figger et sekrit societies cut amount tu a good sight.

Next, Ther iz a diffruns, follerin: Now I don't belong tu any, an it makes me mad. I wuz phool enuff to hold oph because I got started rong, and thot I wuzzent a fit subject.

When I red the grand principles thet wuz supposed tu govern 'em I sed tu miself "You don't cum up tu the standard, you'd be suspeckted uv tryin tu sneak in tu further your own ends." Damme iph I cud quite git the konsent uv mi konshuns tu apply. Later in life I see others sheltered in the folds et would do things I wouldn't do, an then I sed one of us is off—the society or me—an I made up mi mind it wuz the society. Now, awl this is a "preambul," az it were, tu my konclusion, which iz this: The Masons wud be surprised, in any place I'v lived, tu hear me say this, but they air the one an only order thet I'v heard assailed an never offered a word in defense.

I'v hearn 'em 'bused 'n 'cused uv killin "Morgan" (an yit he's sheriff of Pottawattamie county), 'n they never denied it or sed a word tu put themselves rite before their ackusers. 'n then I'v noticed et they only hang tu a man ez long as ther iz eny thing in the way ov principle left, or any hope uv his becummin a good man, an hold him in the lower degrees 'till they deem him fit to go up. While a sneak may be a Mason, may hev crawled in when he wuz half way decent, an before he'd developed much meanness, yet when he showed up the cloven hoof they allus checked him off an held him down.

They still looked at him as a "brother" under "Adam," but a d——d unpromisin one. I've seen other orders et seemed tu base ther opinion on hiz ability tu keep up hiz "dues," 'n to cut a long story short, while I don't know any more of *masonry* then any other man who don't know *anything* about it, yit I konsider it the *best organization on earth.*

Yours in the belief that an honest opinion iz wuth expressin.

R. Britton.

The "mail order" buyer is still sending to the winds for goods that some near by market town could supply. The illustrated catalogue is an enticing picture book still.

THE LODGES.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Oct. 12, 1897.

Rev. J. W. Geiger, Marion, Ia.

Dear Sir and Brother:—It may be an interesting item for your paper that P. G. M. Ball and Grand Master Dewey have within the past month placed their portraits in the library gallery, both of them being splendid likenesses of the brothers. This leaves only that of P. G. M. Phelps lacking to make the series complete.

Fraternally yours,

N. R. Parvin.

During a short but pleasant visit at Rolfe we saw the commodious quarters of the lodge and chapters of that city. Masonry is in the front rank there and advancement is certain.

Cherokee is a live little city. We were privileged to see the splendid quarters of the Masonic bodies of this place recently, and it is not extravagant to say that no where in the state are there any finer quarters than at Cherokee.

Mt. Pleasant can boast of as fine Masonic quarters as any body in Iowa. We were shown around on Oct. 29 and are pleased to see the evidences of prosperity.

The progressive little lodge at Milford is forging ahead at a good rate—ten new names to their roster this year. The newly elected sheriff of their county is an E. A. He'll be raised in more ways than one soon.

Alta, a little city of over one thousand, is Masonically alive and well.

The Blue Lodges of Council Bluffs are making active preparations for the entertainment of the Grand Lodge next June. They hope to make it the most pleasant, successful and the largest ever held in the state. The two lodges have appointed a committee of three from each, to be known as the "Executive Committee, for the entertainment of the Grand Lodge." The committee is to have full and complete control of all the affairs. The committee has organized and selected the following officers: Dr. T. B. Lacey, Prest., and Andrew McMillen, Secretary and Treasurer.

Next month will occur the election of officers in the Blue Lodges and also in the Eastern Star.

A. McMillen,

THE ROYAL ARCH.

The Grand High Priest announces the time for elections in the chapters to be at the November convocations. Many seem to have neglected this.

P. G. H. P. Caleb Lamb died at Newton, Iowa, Sept. 25, 1897. He served as G. H. P. in 1862.

We hear through Grand Scribe Companion N. B. Hyatt that the General Grand Chapter was a delightful gathering. Our P. G. H. P., F. W. Craig, was advanced a step in office. Iowa stands well in the eyes of the Masonic world.

We notice that our venerable Companion, T. S. Parvin of Iowa, was at the Grand Chapter of Illinois Oct. 28-9. He is justly honored by the Masonic world.

COMMANDERIES.

IOWA KNIGHT TEMPLARS.

MAY GO TO PITTSBURG WITH A BIG DELEGATION.

Pittsburg Commercial Gazette: A delegation of Knights Templar representing the Grand Commandery of Iowa is in the city. The gentlemen are George W. Bever, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the state, and Past Grand Commanders James Morton and E. Olen Soule, all three of Cedar Rapids, Ia. In company with W. W. Colville and Charles Walker, the Iowa Knights were given a tallyho drive yesterday afternoon over the new boulevards, east end resident avenues and through Schenley and Highland parks. Today they will select their headquarters and arrange for accommodations and visit Carnegie library and music hall and the chrysanthemum show in Phillips' conservatory.

Mr. Bever said that the Knights in Iowa are taking much interest in the coming grand encampment. If the conditions are favorable they will have 800 swords here and come on two river packets, on which they will be quartered while in this city. Should the conditions not be favorable for the river trip they will bring between 500 and 600 men and come on two special trains. There are 4,200 Sir Knights in Iowa.—"*C. R. Republican.*"

[Iowa fratres should remember 'tis only a short time till we will be called to arrange for this great triennial gathering at Pittsburg, and that they should make all their arrangements for sleeper and railroad fares in ample time to avoid the disappointment of being left out of the official party. Let Iowa be one of the largest and finest divisions of the great parade.—EDITOR.]

The first circulars and maps of the triennial committee of Pittsburg, Pa., have reached us. Their plans are on a scale to make a trip to the "Smoky City" a necessity.

Circular No. 1 from the Grand Commander is out announcing the law that elections are to be held at November conclaves of commanderies.

Circular No. 2 calls attention to the law governing the asking of dispensations to ballot out of time. A vote of the commandery is necessary. See title 44, sec. 20.

From Sir Knight Sam Williams of Charles City we received a copy of the "*Intelligencer*" of that city, giving the full particulars of the sudden death of Sir Knight Eugene B. Dyke, noted elsewhere. The services were under Masonic auspices. Rev. Dr. Gould (Methodist) delivered the sermon, a copy of which reaches us by the same hands.

At the regular meeting of Star Chapter No. 47, R. A. M., Nov. 2, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

H. P.—I. M. Treynor.
E. K.—Andrew McMillen.
E. S.—Chas. Konigmacher.
Treas.—M. Duguette.
Sec'y.—J. B. Atkins.

At the regular Conclave of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 17, K. T., Nov. 4, the following officers were elected:

E. C.—Victor Jennings.
G.—I. M. Treynor.
C. G.—Chas. Konigmacher,
S. W.—Andrew McMillen.
J. W.—H. A. Cox.
Treas.—J. B. Atkins.
Rec.—G. H. Jackson.

THE EASTERN STAR.

GRAND CHAPTER.

Although the regular work of the Grand Chapter of Iowa was not scheduled to commence until Oct. 27, the evening of Monday the 25th found most of the Grand Officers at the Ballengall House, Ottumwa, Iowa, ready for the first rehearsal, which was held in the Masonic hall, the quarters of Ottumwa Chapter. Tuesday morning and afternoon school work was carried on. Tuesday night the local Chapter had the Ottumwa Male Quartette to entertain the visiting "Stars" with a fine program.

Wednesday morning at ten o'clock the Grand Partner called the twentieth session of the Grand Chapter to order and on the entrance of the Grand Matron and her other officers opened the session in full form. The sessions throughout from Tuesday morning were held in Turner Hall, the local chapter having decorated and arranged it for our use. The addresses of the grand officers and the reports of grand treasurer and secretary were *distributed* without reading to the various committees and members. The preliminaries were an address of welcome by Sister Simmonds, W. M. for the local chapter, Past Patron Brother R. L. Tilton for the city, and the response thereto was by Sister P. G. Matron Harriet Ercanbrack. The first report on credentials showed 497 votes enrolled.

On Wednesday afternoon the Grand Chapter of Sorrow was appreciable and comforting ceremony. Grand Chaplain Sister Webber delivered the memorial address for "our dead," while P. G. M. Sister Woods presented the memorial of our late Grand Sentinel, "Father" Schreiner. After the memorial services business was resumed. It was ordered that hereafter the addresses of the grand officers should be read—(as well as printed)?

The proposition laid over for one year, to have a board of "custodians of the work," was called up and on the recommendation of the committee on "unfinished business" the present practice of "deputies" was decided as being preferable.

[The only authority for "deputies" is a resolution of 1893, which was passed *for the ensuing* year. The matter should be more definitely provided for.—Editor.]

The report on chartered chapters showed some still giving "wrong officers," some failing to give the "date of charters," while most of them were "correct."

A further report on credentials showed 172 persons, with 530 votes, present.

The charity fund has grown from $500 to $607.04. The proposed constitution for the government of a proposed board of trustees was up, and after three readings and being made the order for interelection business, was laid over for one year.

There were no appeals nor grievances.

An amendment to the constitution, Art. III, Sec. 1, was offered, striking out the grand chapter membership of Past Matrons and Past Patrons. Laid over for a year under the law.

The effort to omit the presentation of the ("has beens") past grand officers was not carried.

The committee on chartered chapters was instructed to bunch the classification of chapters reported "correct," "incorrect," etc.

The greetings of South Dakota were presented by Grand Matron Sister Herriod. [A telegram was received from their grand patron and she was requested to bear back the message of our fraternal life.]

Sister Ransford (always a welcome and popular visitor among us) of the "Eastern Star," Indianapolis, Ind., P. M. W. G. M., P. G. M. and present grand secretary of Indiana, was introduced and gave her usual cheery salutation.

A resolution of sympathy was ordered sent to "Mother" Schreiner.

An amendment to Article VIII, Sec. 1, was offered (to change the word "duty" so as to read "privilege") and laid over for a year.

The report on jurisprudence gave approval to all the "decisions" except the 8th, rendered jointly by the grand matron and patron.

All the new chapters except "Klondike" received charters. The latter was continued U. D. for another year.

The total voting number of the grand chapter was found to be 612, with 175 chapters represented.

Thursday morning the first act was the adoption of some reports of commitees, then the installation of the officers of chapters U. D. The election of grand officers followed.

Grand Matron ------Mrs. Delia Meredith, Newton
Grand Patron----------W. H. Norris, Manchester
A. G. Patron----------A. J. Small, Des Moines
A. G. Matron-------Mrs. M. B. Rathbun, Clinton
Grand Secretary-Mrs. Maria Jackson, Council Bluffs
Grand Treasurer-Mrs. Ella L. Houghton, Red Oak
Grand Conductress---Mrs. Belle Adamsen, LeMars
A. G. Conductress----------
------Mrs. Freda Oppenheimer, Webster City

APPOINTMENTS.

A. Chaplain------Mrs. J. H. Helm, Cedar Rapids
Adah---------- ----Mrs. Dr. Webber, Cherokee
Ruth----------Mrs. Cragan, Colfax
Esther----------Mrs. Bruce, Anita
Martha---- ---- --------Mrs. Simmonds, Ottumwa
Electa----------Mrs. W. H. Hender, Davenport
Marshall----------Mrs. Esther George, Fairfield
Warder----------Mrs. Cox, Keokuk
Sentinel------Brother A. N. Alberson, Washington

CHAIRMEN.

Credentials----------Mrs. Ward
Finance----------J. W. Geiger
Unfinished business----------Mrs. J. H. Gordon
Jurisprudence---------- ----------Judge Winslow
Appeals----------Judge Hyatt
Dispensation and charters-------- ----Mrs. Woods
Chartered chapters---------- --------Mrs. Hall
Addresses----------Mrs. Turner
Mileage---------- ---- --------J. H. Jackson
Correspondence---------- ----------Mrs. Bailey

The next meeting will be held in Cedar Rapids, where, with the ample hotel facilities and the new Masonic temple, the grand chapter will be well entertained.

Deputy Grand Matron E. L. Houghton officially visited Glaeners Chapter, No. 109, O. E. S., at Guthrie Center, Oct. 15, accompanied by Grand Secretary Maria Jackson. Fifteen members of Hope Chapter from Panora were also present. One candidate received the degrees, followed by the beautiful floral work. After the completion of the work Sister Houghton gave us some good and wholesome instructions which was gladly received by all, and should fortune favor us with a visit from her in the future she will be accorded a hearty welcome.

Sister Jackson, as mother of this chapter, also favored us with a short talk full of good things concerning the work of the order. Refreshments were served after the closing of the chapter.

The spirit and enthusiasm for the work of this noble order as exemplified by our grand officers present should be, and we trust, will be of lasting benefit to our chapter. Our observation and experience teaches us that there is nothing which tends more to build up the chapter and increase the attendance and interest of the members than to have the officers thoroughly proficient in the spirit of the work, while on the other hand nothing will bring the order into disrepute with the candidate any sooner or more thoroughly than to have the degrees conferred in a careless unfeeling manner, and by working on this theory this chapter has attained a good degree of success. J. F. W.

Ottumwa is all right.

The local chaptar did fine work.

Everybody says it was the best we've had yet.

A little more "sitting down" on the trading and wire pulling will finish that style of politics.

The misfortune of the Christian ladies in serving meals is a compliment to Ottumwa's hotel management. We wish the ladies well, but when we pay hotel bills we like to get them—and at Ottumwa we got them.

We thank the FOUR Sisters who kindly took our journal at the grand chapter. It is encouraging to labor for those we love and who love us. See?

We owe an apology to some one every month for the omission of notes and items of interest. The last "out" was Independence, but it was not the editor's fault.

P. G. PATRON DYKE DEAD.

Members of the order in Iowa will be shocked as well as saddened to hear of the sudden death of P. G. Patron E. B. Dyke, of Charles City, Iowa. He died Oct. 30, from heart failure.

Illinois, as hinted at by a visitor in Iowa's grand chapter, had a serious time of it in their grand chapter last month. Such bitterness is unfortunate. Iowa may well take heed. The wire-pulling and vote-trading element will get a setback one of these days and it won't come the Illinois confusion on the G. C. either.

If all matrons follow the example of Sister Plumb of Marion, 183, the work of the grand chapter will be widely reviewed. She gave a full resume of the Ottumwa meeting, then called on all who had attended.

Marion Chapter, 183, had NINE persons present at grand chapter this year. We'll all be at the Rapids next.

With the concise and well classified by-laws for subordinate chapters now put out by Messrs. Acres, Blackman & Co. we see no need to look further. We have no other interest in this statement than the common good.

THE SCOTTISH RITE.

The bodies in Cedar Rapids will soon be permanently housed in their new Temple.

The Memphis Appeal has a long "Cerneau" article in the issue of Oct. 31.

The bodies of the Rite in Des Moines have out a notice for the Fifteenth Special Reunion, January 18–21, 1898.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Subscribe for this journal and learn what is going on around you.

Oriental of Troy, N. Y., had meetings Nov. 5th and 9th.

Al Malaika, Los Angeles, Cal., held a Ceremonial on Oct. 8th last.

The Arabs are moving. El Kahir has a new home nearly finished.

Visiting Nobles should not forget to pay up dues and get the necessary certificate. It is needful.

Kismet, Brooklyn, indulged in Frankforters, Weiner and Leber Wurst, October 29th.

Medinah has commenced the usual festivities of fall and winter. They had a meeting Oct. 22.

Alhambra, of Chattanooga, Tenn., went to Nashville, Oct. 15. They run out a "red kid" style of notice.

From A. Moore Berry, of Moolah, we have a large half-tone of the officers of his Temple. They had a meeting Oct. 27th.

From all parts of the Imperial domain we have notices af great activity—the unenlightened will be decreased in number this winter.

Lukou, Philadelphia, endangers our most valued secrets by giving a "snap shot" view of Mt. Araphat just as the Prophet is landing from his trip.

Abdallah, Leavenworth, Kan., met Oct. 29. The notices that came from John H. Atwoods Temple are models of neatness and reflect credit on the Recorder.

Hella, Dallas, Tex., held high carnival Oct. 21. Klondike refreshments were served. Think of the prices they must have paid for the "reindeer milk."

Sphinx, Hartford, comes out in green with a notice for October 28th. What sort of regalia has the gent got in his left hand? Recorder Shelton, answer.

We mail this number to all Recorders and Potentates as far as we can find them. We would be pleased to record a year's subscription for FIFTY CENTS.

Noble E. F. Allen, of Kansas City, Mo., was chosen Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of his state. Good, Ethelbert, they know a nice man when they see one.

Dear old Sam Briggs' Alkoran too "pills" on Oct. 28th. His notice for the meeting looks like Tommy Ercanbrack's Iowa correspondence reports to the Grand Chapter, and that is a compliment to Sam.

We'll give the Noble who had the meanness to attack an innocent woman one month to take back what he said; if he don't we'll publish him to the masonic world for the coward he is.

A good one is told on Imperial Treasurer Brown at Detroit. His room was next to the Texas people, who were entertaining many callers. Often the knocks were given on Brown's door. Finally growing tired of answering calls not for him he had a card put up reading

"This is h——
Texas is next door."

Miss Davis, of Cedar Rapids, who has charge of the L. O. T. M. work for Iowa, and who was representative from Iowa to the last session of the Supreme Hive, was present and took a deep interest in what was going on, with a view of securing practical results for the L. O. T. M. afterwards. Miss Davis has such a pleasing and persistent way about her as to overcome all obstacles that come in her pathway, the Iowa insurance commissioner not excepted. She thoroughly believes in what she is talking about, and her earnestness has a decided convincing effect upon her hearers. —*The Bee Hive.*

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GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Council Bluffs, June 7, 1898.

A. R. DEWEY,.....Washington.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., Oct. 12, 1897.
Iowa, Grand, Burlington, August 25th, 1898.

W. D. IRVINE....Sioux City.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.

Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July —, 1898.

F. H. LORING,.....Waterloo.....GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.

General Grand (U. S.,) 1898.
Iowa, Ottumwa, Oct. 27, 1897.

MRS. DELIA B. MEREDITH..Newton..GRAND MATRON
W. H. Norris.....Manchester.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

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Imperial Council, Dallas, Texas, June 14, 1898.
El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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John Westley Geiger.....Marion.....Recorder

Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa.
GEO. F. WHITE.....Davenport.....POTENTATE
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EDITORIAL NOTES

Masonic principles are ancient.

No man who runs a saloon should be a member or officer of a lodge.

Whoever fails or neglects to read masonic literature, is neither a wise nor an accomplished Mason.

We are not blind to the evidences of friendly and brotherly interest manifested in our personal welfare; nor are we at a loss to know who are our enemies.

Jangling and contention cannot but result in the disruption of the body that indulges or permits it. The agitators should be compelled to let up and shut up.

Hundreds of non-affiliates, of various degrees live in Iowa. Discrimination will estrange them. We should use masonic suasion, rather than masonic compulsion.

POOR VROOMAN.

When Rev. Frank Vrooman found himself uncomfortable in the "People's Church" and withdrew—both the "liberal" and "orthodox" took parting kicks at him. Bigots cannot be converted by putting on stage trappings.

A man and a Mason is foolish to cry down the bodies to which he belongs because some mean-spirited individual belongs. Let him wait and be patient. The same may be said about your town. If the mean ones want to muse let them—you stay.

The dear Grundy family might as well hunt up other employment, we're not going to move away nor hurry off to please any morbid feeling, and when our "plant" comes over we'll aim our "shooting stick" at some of the "set," and just watch them "gauge pins." While we may not have a pudding we'll know "pie" when we see it. We expect to be in "form" and will "register" our "job" that will show the community "items" worth remembering.

The article under the head of "Some Observations" is permitted to go in without the giving of the writer's name, though it is our rule not to publish anonymous articles without our having the true name of the author as a guarantee of good faith.

We owe, and hereby offer to the Masons of Independence our humble apologies for the failure—three different times—of a communication sent from them to get into our columns. We had marked it twice to go, but each time it was left out, and while we are not to blame, we are sorry for any such omission.

Mother Schreiner of Mt. Pleasant, is calmly waiting till her call comes to rejoin her loved and departed husband.

BOOK TABLE.

From W. Bro. J. H. C. Dill we have the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1897.

From Companion Alf Wingate we have the official proceeding of the Grand Chapter of Iowa R. A. M. The handsome features of M. E. Mat Beehler and the late "Father" Schriener are shown, as well as views about Templar Park.

From Bro. Justin Pinney, Worthington, Ohio, we have an "Address to Men and Master Masons" in behalf of the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Ohio.

Papers read and endorsed at the August and September meetings, 1897, of the National Association of Merchants and Travelers, on "Ticket Scalping" and "The Necessity of a Currency Commission."

A muchly marked copy of "The Mystical World," (its expiring number, too), in which poems from the pen of Dr. Wm. Sharpe, Surgeon (retired) British Army, of Bundoran, County Denegal, Ireland, abound. Also a copy of his Niagara and Khanalla—all poetry.

ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE PRESS.

Vinnie Ream's statue of Lincoln greets the eye on opening the November *Midland* (Des Moines), preparing the reader for a fine sketch of Vinnie Ream Hoxie, by Isadore Baker. 'Homes of Lady Henry Somerset, by Alice R. Willard, beautifully pictured takes the reader through Eastnor Castle and The Priory. Mrs. Frederick Schwatka contributes her second article, "A New Route to Alaska's Eldorado," with nine illustrations. "Sketches on Egyptian Life" has seven fine views. Col. Emerson's "Grant" brings out new portraits and facsimilies. The fiction department includes "Cuba Libre," the prize story: "The Print of a Hand," a detective story, and a Kansas love story, entitled "A Jerusalem Idyl." Henry O'Connor gives interesting reminiscences of William M. Evarts. This beautiful number, with its new and artistic cover, gives abundant promise for the future of "the representative magazine of the Middle-West."

FRATERNITIES.

The editor of this journal is the Deputy Grand Master Workman of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and as such is looking for openings to plant lodges of that body everywhere he can; but it does not necessarily prejudice him against the good points of other fraternities. Information will be used for the common good in this department. Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

Safety and security are before price.

The increase in Fraternal membership is over two hundred and fifty thousand each year.

One in five of the male voters of the United States are members of some Fraternity.

Honest management alone, will save an Order from final decay; but no management can run below cost.

The enormous sum of $475,000,000 has been estimated as the amount paid out by the fraternities since their beginning in this country.

Twenty years ago the President (Winston) of the Mutual Life was asked what was to be done with their $40,000,000 reserve fund; he answered, "The Lord knows, I don't."

The Charter Oak Life of Hartford had $13,000,000 in its reserve fund when it went up, yet less than twenty per cent. of the money paid into it was returned to the rightful owners—the policy holders.

No husband and father can fall calmly "on sleep" in death if he has neglected the weighty matter of providing for them against want. And heaven could hardly be a comfortable place for him with the consciousness of its neglect.

What man who has ever witnessed the deep sorrow of a widow and her orphans sitting in tearful despair beside their dead protector, can oppose the fraternity that ministers to their more pressing want in such a time of need?

I'd rather end my days as a preacher of Charity, Hope and Protection, and die when the time comes, fameless, with the knowledge that countless homes of God's poor had been brightened through my humble efforts, than rate high with sectarians and pious bigots.

No place is more appropriate in which to gather the people and tell them their duty to their loved ones in regard to life assurance than God's house. Yet all churches are not open to so near a ministry of love, yet "the greatest of these is Charity."

The World's Mutual Benefit Association of West Virginia is reported as having been robbed of all its funds by the disappearance of its "Grand" officers. Another warning to watch the "cheaper than others" fellows.

Every member secured through competitive misrepresentation is a nail in the coffin of the Order that permits it.

IN WHAT ORDER?

The newspaper paragraphers have a sound basis in fact for the threadbare joke about the man who cannot find his latch keyhole when he rcaches home after the lodge banquet.—W. S. Harwood.

We welcome to our Fraternal exchange list the "Kansas Workman" and the "Golden Rod Workman" (Nebraska), two able representatives of Charity, Hope and Protection.

COMING EVENTS.

When it is known that the number of fraternal bodies which provide a funeral and disability fund for their members is about two hundred and fifty, one can estimate whither the fraternal idea is tending; not drifting, but tending, mind. Then, when we discover that there are four million members enrolled in these bodies, the conviction throws the shadow of a coming event. Ultimately the salient features of these societies must come *into* the Masonic Institution or we will feel its influence adversely. An examination of the tenets of the oldest and strongest of these orders, the A. O. U. W. with its 368,000 members shows us a groundwork with its Charity, Hope and Protection, just as true in its types of fraternity as our Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. It may be well for us to look calmly at the prospect, and to suit ourselves to coming influences, for why should it be repugnant to the Ancient Land-marks (whatever they are) to provide that *within* the body of Masonry the additional protection of a well defined funeral benefit may be had. Would not this in some meausure solve the question of Masonic relief. With the income from such a provision the surplus funds would provide all the means needed to care for our needy brothers—who now pay from two to five dollars a year lodge dues—and might easily add the amount needful to carry from $500 to $2,000 funeral benefit.

WHERE IS IT?

Take, for instance, one body, the Masonic, which may be considered typical of all. In connection with each lodge there is a relief committee whose duties are done with delicacy, whose acts are performed in tender and sympathetic secrecy. These committees ascertain the needs of these members who are facing hard time, aid with money, with clothing, with provisions; or, if possible, secure positions for future bread winning. No record is kept in any form for the public eye, of these private benificences. Indeed, in some cases, not even the names of the members of the committee itself are known to the members of the Lodge to which they belong.—W. S. Harwood.

HERE'S TO THINK ON.

Boston, Mass, Aug. 26.—Special Telegram.—A question which has been raised by the failure of the Massachusetts Benefit Life association is as to the liability of policy-holders to assessment to meet outstanding liabilities at the time of the appointment of a receiver. In the case of mutual fire insurance companies in this state this obligation is plainly set out in the policy. A policy-holder has been held liable for two years after the policy elapsed for all losses to parties insured while his policy was in force. By the last legislature this time limit was reduced to one year. In New York the courts have decided that the policy-holders are liable for debts incurred up to the time of the appointment of a receiver. In the case of the Massachusetts Benefit Life, it is said that the law would operate so as to compel the policy-holders to pay to the receivers about the amount of two regular assessments after the receivers have realized upon the assets of the association, and, as in the case of mutual fire companies, the assessments will be collectible by legal process like any other debt, and if the first assessment fails to produce enough to meet all claims another may be laid, and so on until the solvent members make good all the claims arising out of their "partnership."

Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds—all they have hab, all they have now, and all they expect to have.—*Hale.*

EL KAHIR TEMPLE

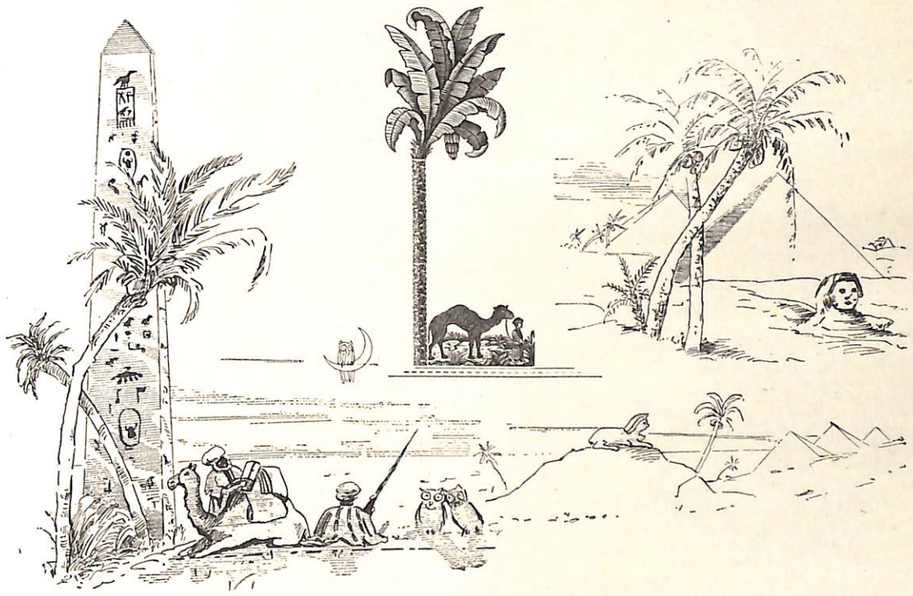
The Annual Assembly of the Faithful.

IT IS THE MOSLEM MONTH **RAJB,** The Seventh in the Mohammedan Calendar and the Thirteenth day.

ANSWERING TO THE CHRISTIAN ALMANAC FOR

FAIL NOT TO ATTEND ON YOUR LIFE.

December 8th, 1897.



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EL KAHIR TEMPLE

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER — NOBLES of the MYSTIC SHRINE

Oasis of Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Blessed be the Name of Allah;

....THE MERCIFUL; THE COMPASSIONATE.

He hath permitted the calling of the FAITHFUL sons of EL-KAHIR to assemble one more time within the sacred walls of their goodly Temple.

It is the Thirteenth Day of the Seventh month, Rajab. Let all who enter salute their Potentate, as becometh all good Shriners.

To those who do not yet understand the sacred cycles we would say that the ANNUAL MEETING OF EL-KAHIR TEMPLE WILL BE HELD AT

Masonic Hall on
Wednesday, December Eighth.

When the usual business will be attended to in the afternoon at TWO O'CLOCK. Supper will be served by the ladies of the Eastern Star in The Armory (Co. C) from 5:30 to 7:30 P. M. Nobles may as well arrange accordingly, as there will be no Banquet. Wear your Fez.

AT SEVEN-THIRTY THE CEREMONIAL SESSION WILL COMMENCE, then let all who would propitiate the austerity of our dread SULTANA fall on their faces and spread their hands before them (with 25 plunks in sight) and implore his permission to have a part in the FEAST OF PEE SHAU SHEENEE, or ripping up the back.

We will celebrate the memory of LOOQMANOO-HAKEEM, the Arabian writer of Fables (no relation to Haggard, or W. D. Howells). Also,

HABEEBOO'N-NAJJAR, (the Carpenter) of Antioch, born there, and there his tomb is visited by thousands of pilgrims annually.

This will be the FEAST OF MOLEEDOO'S-SEYYEE-DEH-ZAYNEB (Es-Sitt Keebeereh) her tomb is in Cairo, Egypt, and is covered with richly embroidered silk. Prayers at her shrine are especially powerful, BUT THE WHACKING UP OF YOUR DUES TO HER forty-second cousin, the Recorder of this Temple will save you from getting the Molly Dues put on you when you try to pass the gates without your PASS. SEE? NO DUES, NO FEAST OF MOLEEDOO'S.

OUR SHRINE JEWELS.

Traveling Instructions to Shieks and Emirs.

One of the important inquiries has always been with the NOBILITY, "how can I get into the fastest class," or to translate it into the vulgar tongue, what is the quickest way to reach our Oasis?

WELL, HERE IT IS.

All Nobles who are compelled to buy tickets at all should pay FULL FARE COMING TO CEDAR RAPIDS, and they should take a RECEIPT for this payment of fare at the time. ON ARRIVAL at the GRAND HOTEL, GO TO PARLOR A, where the Recorder will take charge of your receipts and, when he has one hundred, will have them stamped by the joint agent of the railroads centering here, and you will be entitled to go home at ONE-THIRD FARE. If you neglect this, NIT. This magnanimous concession on the part of the great corporations is made to Candidates as well as to Nobles, their wives and children, and for the reason that we had threatened to get out our war elephants, the swift footed camels, the wild asses, and if necessary we'd have run the old dinkey that we used to push up the hills between Marion and this town, or else we'd have stirred up the old dragon fly to rig her air ship and we could have defied the soulless corporations. When Nobles James Morton, John F. Merry and B. H. O'Meara found it out then went down all in a heap and assured us that NOTHING WAS TOO GOOD FOR US, and so we called off the El-Kahir roadsters. and travelers will please use the fire spitting wagons of the Infidels once more, OR WALK.

...Let all Our Loyal Sons Attend.

DON'T THINK IT WILL BE A SLOW AFFAIR.
GET A CANDIDATE AND COME ON.

***There'll be a Hot Time in the Old Town.

Tom Farmer will tie up the City Pup and send the Cops over to the West Side or up to Time Check, and THE CITY WILL BE OURS FOR THE DAY.

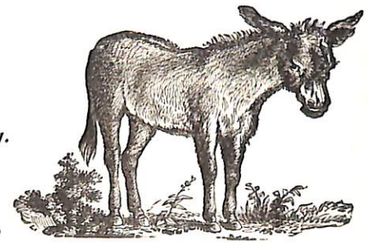
There will be Plenty to Eat....
AND THE SODA FOUNTAINS WILL BE PUT IN SHAPE FOR A BIG RUN OF TRADE.

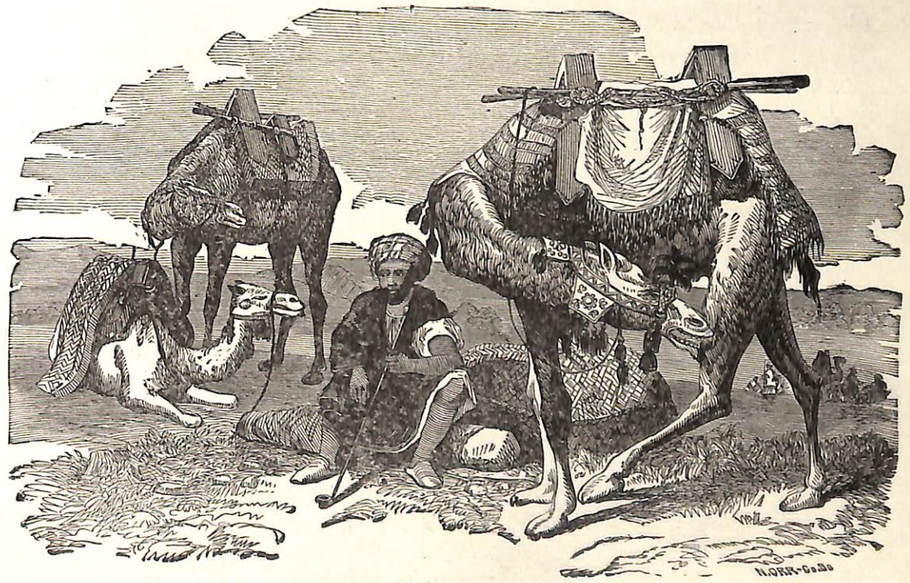
Do Not Fail to Come Early

AND AVOID THE RUSH.

The Boys are Coming, ✳ *You Come Along.*

Wear Your Fez and Claws.





Scenes from Life Among Arabs.

WHERE THE RECORDER MAY BE FOUND ALL DAY LONG . . . . .

TO RECEIVE DUES. The Books will be at PARLOR A of the Grand Hotel from 9:00 A. M. 'till 10:40 P. M. in the hands of the Clerk, MISS IDA GEIGER, or the Recorder.

TO SELL FEZES, either Noble WM. ELSOM, C. S. BERRY or JAMES TINDALL will be at Parlor A, 9:00 A. M. to 1:30 P. M., after that at Masonic Hall.

TO PAY FEES. The Recorder will be at his post at Parlor A 'till the time for the Business meeting, then at the Hall, then at Parlor A 'till 7:30 P. M.; after at the Anteroom of Masonic Hall, First Avenue and Second Street.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THIS JOURNAL will be received at HALF PRICE, (FIFTY CENTS), at Parlor A by MISS ADDAH GEIGER. Old Subscribers can settle at the same place.

COME TO THESE ROOMS WHETHER YOU HAVE BUSINESS OR NOT.

Don't leave your dues 'till the last minute—read the following:

Regulations Regarding Visiting Nobles.

The standing resolution regarding visiting Nobles heretofore in force was recinded and the following was adopted as an amendment to the Constitution:

A Noble cannot visit any other Temple than his own, except he exhibit to the Temple he desires to visit a certificate signed by the Recorder of his own Temple, and bearing the seal thereof, that such Noble is in good standing. Such certificate shall be in effect only during the year in which it is dated—Imperial Council, 1897. THEN WHACK UP.

ALMEE.

Finally.

REMEMBER YAWMOOL-WA'EED
THE FINAL DAY OF RECONING.

"Be ye steadfast in prayer and give alms; and whatsoever good ye send before you of your own souls ye shall find it safe with Allah"—Koron Soorah ii , 104.

THIS IS THE ANNUAL Business Meeting

of our Temple. All reports will be ready. Officers and Representatives will be elected, appointed and installed.

Let the Workers Have Your Right Hand.

There will be Refreshments

REMEMBER SOOFRAT-ET TA'AM the enjoined refreshment of travelers in the DAROO'Z ZEEYAFAH.

NO SIDE ROOM WILL BE ALLOWED.

LUNCH will be served by the ladies of Cedar Chapter, O. E. S. in Woodward Hall, 5:30 to 7.30 P. M.

For the Candidates....

(MAY THEIR NUMBER BE GREAT.)

The Whirling, Leaping, Flying and Sliding, (or Skating) Dervishes of the ancient BERBER TRIBE, (that antedates the tribes of Arabia) have telephoned us from the Port of New York that they will be with us to help entertain the newly obligated Candidates. This is a PRIVILEGE far beyond OUR DESERTS, but we MUST HAVE THEM.

The three cuts on this page, and all those not otherwise explained are taken from scenes in OUR OLD RITUAL, now out of use because SOME OF THE CANDIDATES KICKED on the so-called "monkey work" and the Imperial Council sat down on it hard.

There is not on order in the UNIVERSE where there is as DRY A TIME AS WE HAVE. So that the most timid and religious can drop in with impunity. Our Arabs will extend the GLAD HAND to all weary Willies who show the color of their money. PUSH TWENTY-FIVE AT THEM AND YOU'LL BE IN IT.

ONE.

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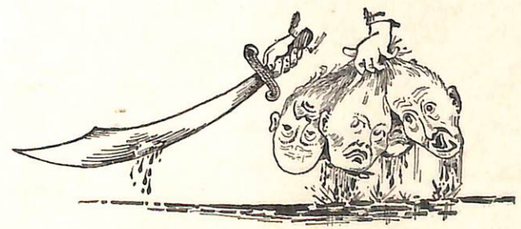
FOUR.



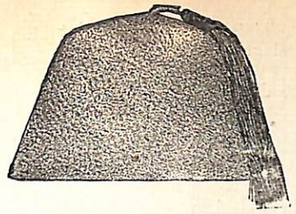
THINGS THE CANDIDATE KNOWS MORE ABOUT Afterward.

FIVE.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF OUR NOBLE DEAD.

That all the Nobles of El-Kahir may know the list of Illustrious ones who have passed within the black tent of death, the entire contents Book of the Dead will be found as follows:

93. Frank Neely, May 8, 1889.
135. John O. Sherwood, Sept 7, 1889.
91. Jacob B. Casebeer, Dec 18, 1889.
35. Robert Wright, Dec 18, 1889
132. Simon D. Welling, Feb. 11, 1890.
32. Edward E. Ainsworth, Aug. 12, 1890.
387. Charles Hall, Nov. 11, 1890.
223. N. B Consigny, Oct. 2, 1891.
538. David M. Withrow. Nov. 5. 1891.
631. Sidney P. Heartt, June 4, 1892.
315. John G. Spence, Oct. 23, 1892
723. George H. Wisner, Jan. 11, 1893.
649. Hanlsey H. Saunders, April 17. 1893.
891. Riley W. Campbell, Mar. 3, 1893.
507. Edward D Nickson, March 17, 1893.
103. Henry Ristine, April 25, 1893.
82. William P. Henderson May 22, 1893.
1028 Edward C. Palmer, August 12, 1893.
440. Henry A. Bailey, Nov. 3, 1893.
1042 John Swift, January 10, 1894
904. George H. Hobart, Nov. 11, 1893.
154. Nels C. Nelson, Feb. 18, 1894.
408. Frank Church, Oct. 16, 1894.
226. William M. Freisner, Aug 1, 1894
819. Leopold H. Gordon, Oct. 21, 1894.
868. William H. Williams, May 19 1894.
966. Christopher Yorker, Dec. 26, 1894.
479. Arlington Long, Dec 23, 1893.
583. Lyman Parsons, Feb. 28, 1895.
2. CYRUS W. EATON, May 12, 1895.
590. Fred S. Morrill, May 5, 1895.
911. James W. Hamilton, Oct. 18, 1895
290. A. J. Hobart, Dec. 6, 1895.
796. Charles H. Graham, Dec. 31, 1895.
734. Thomas A. Burbank, Jan. 7, 1896.
445. Paul A. Nandell, Jan. 20, 1896.
1149 Frank D. Hussey, April 18, 1896
423. Leander J. Bohn, April 23, 1896.
962. Samuel G. Smallpage, July 25, 1896.
138. M. W Bibbins, July 6, 1896.
1334 Charles T. Addamson, Aug. 29, 1896.
336. W. G. Bevier, Feb. 1895
808. A. M. Head, Nov. 16, 1894.
187. E. Dudley Steadman, Nov. 1, 1895.
547. William Linter, March 11, 1895.
638. Jos. Bennett, Dec. 22, 1896.
1038 Milton Shoemader, Feb. 21, 1897.
1114 Henry Moritz, March 9th, 1897.
67. Archie Cox, April 2, 1897.
53. Theodore Schreiner, April 14, 1897.
388. Chas. Goethman, Jan. 17, 1897.
606. S. F. Farnam, May 26 1897.
1073 W. H. Skinner, April 11, 1897.
261 James P. Forrest, June 30, 1897.
939. Sam'l H. Starr, May 24, 1897.



(THE TRUE TRANSLATION OF THE PILLARS)

The Official Divan

....OF 1896-97....

AUSTIN D. BROWN, Illustrious Potentate.
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Shall we Aid Our Own?

Illustrious Noble....

My official correspondence brings me almost every week some evidence of the necessity for us to take some action in our Temple by which we can lay the foundation for a small sum to be laid aside for the creation of a Funeral and Dependent's Benefit Fund. I therefore ask you to carefully read the accompanying circular, and the blanks, and to indicate by the same in some way what your feeling is as to the share you are willing to take in it. With the cry of the widow, and the request of the needy in our ears FROM AMONG OUR OWN, is it not fitting that we do SOMETHING for them while it is yet day?

You will notice that I have placed a blank application within this and I hope you will fill it out and forward to me WITHOUT THE FEE. When one hundred nobles have returned the blanks a notice of that fact will go out, and active work will be commenced to make the number of signers large enough to bring in a full amount needed for the payment of the sum named in the circular elsewhere. WILL YOU HELP THIS ALONG?

El-Kahir Temple Funeral and Dependent's Benefit Fund Proposition.

1.—Inasmuch as the funds of our Temple, with only ONE DOLLAR DUES per year, and the

falling off of the large classes of candidates we used to have, do not warrant the liberal provision for the wants of the less fortunate among us, which the benevolent character of our Fraternity would warrant.

2.—It is proposed, and the opportunity is hereby extended to all Nobles of the Order within our jurisdiction to become enrolled with us as beneficiaries of these funds as hereinafter provided, to-wit:—That each Noble who pays into the treasury of the Temple, the sum of TWO DOLLARS, and signs the blank application, making the statement that he is in good health at the time and agreeing to contribute the amount of his pro-rata Assessment according to his age, when called for, and the further sum of ONE DOLLAR A YEAR to the expense and extension funds, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the fund as follows:

At the death of a subscriber, and the proper notice of the same having been forwarded to the Recorder, the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS shall at once be paid to the person named in the Records as the beneficiary for the same; or, should a subscriber become dependent through old age or sickness to such an extent as to be in need, the amount in full or such proportion as may be needed to make him comfortable shall be paid to the Noble, provided he has kept up his contributions to this fund. Any surplus of funds of any kind belonging to this department shall be placed to the credit of the benefit fund. The Recorder and Treasurer shall keep these funds separate from the Temple Funds; a careful report shall be issued each month in some form giving the actual state of this fund.

When the amount of money in the Treasury exceeds the amount needed for the relief of a subscriber's benefit, then no call shall be made for a contribution, but when a call is made, it is payable within thirty days.

ASSESSMENTS:

AGE	AMOUNT.
21 to 24	.50
25 to 29	.55
30 to 34	.65
35 to 39	.70
40 to 44	.75
45 to 49	.80
50 to 59	.90
60 and over	1.00

This table is based upon the proportionate rate of the cost per **One Thousand Members** and is as low as it can be safely made. Our average death rate has been nine to the thousand for 3 years past.

This amount when the number of subscribers will warrant may be doubled and in that event those wishing to have their Funeral Fund amount to ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS will simply double the above amounts according to their age at the time the call is made. The amount calculated from an actual experience of thirty years will be ample to carry the risk of the proposition if the Nobles will unite to do so, and there will be no extravagant salaries to pay additional officers.

THERE ARE OTHERS

Since the above circular letter was in type we have a notice from Al-Koran Temple of Cleveland, O., In which the following announcement is made:

The Widows' Fund: "An enterprise started about one year since for the immediate financial assistance of the widow of a deceased Noble of this Temple, and entitled "The Widow's Benefit Fund, has attained a membership of about 250 (but which should number nearer one thousand members). To become a member remit $2.20 to N. S. HARRIS, Secretary, Masonic Temple, Cleveland O. This sum pays two (2) death assessments, one of which is always kept on hand to provide for contingency of two deaths happening close together, then at each decease an assessment of $1.10 is collected from each member, one (1) dollar of which goes to the beneficiary and the balance is applied to the expense of collecting, &c."

The simplicity of either plan can be seen at a glance and we trust that the matter will strike the Nobles of our Temple so favorably that a large number will fill out the following and forward it to the Recorder:

APPLICATION.

*I*_____*, a member in good standing of*_____ *Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. being in good health, do hereby apply for the privileges of the Funeral and Dependent's Benefit Fund of El-Kahir Temple. My age is*_____*years on my next birthday. My postoffice is*_____*I hereby agree to pay the FEE OF TWO DOLLARS when notified that ONE HUNDRED Nobles have signified their intention to enter into this plan to provide said Fund. Forward all correspondence*

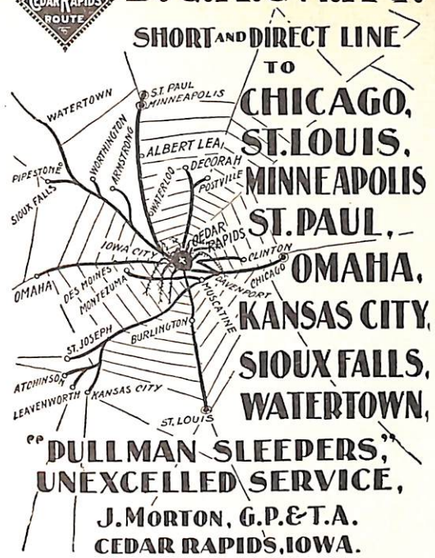
To JNO. W. GEIGER, Recorder,

*Date*_____*189*__ *Drawer E., Marion, Iowa.*

THE CEDAR RAPIDS ROUTE

B.C.R.&N.RY.

SHORT AND DIRECT LINE TO CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS, MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL, OMAHA, KANSAS CITY, SIOUX FALLS, WATERTOWN,



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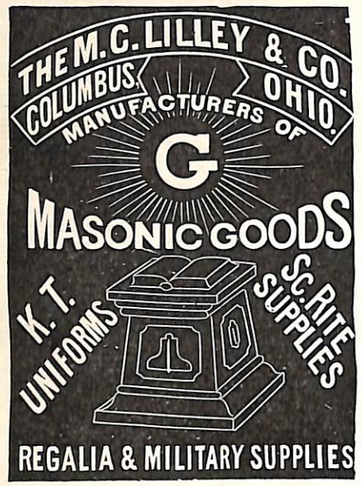

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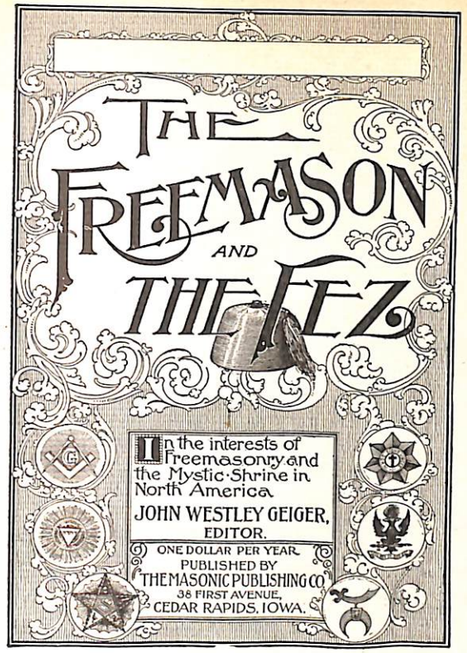

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